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**CHAFEE ANNOUNCES \$450,000  
FOR STATION FIRE EXPENSES**  
*Law Enforcement Assistance Grant through the  
U.S. Department of Justice*

**PROVIDENCE, RI** – U.S. Senator Lincoln Chafee today announced that the U.S. Department of Justice has awarded \$450,000 to the Rhode Island Justice Commission (RIJC). The grant, from the Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance discretionary fund, will be used to offset expenses related to the nightclub fire at The Station in West Warwick.

On May 16, 2003, Senator Chafee wrote to Deborah J. Daniels, Assistant Attorney General, to request assistance in approving of RIJC's grant application. The tragic fire – the fourth deadliest in U.S. history - took 100 lives and seriously injured 180 in February.

"I have been working with the Bush Administration, Governor Carcieri, Senator Reed, Senate colleagues, and others in the Rhode Island delegation to find a way to relieve some of the burden from the high costs of this tragedy. I am pleased that the Department of Justice provided these funds to Rhode Island," Chafee said. "This grant will go a long way toward reimbursing local public safety officials for the unprecedented expenses incurred during their heroic rescue efforts in response to The Station nightclub fire," Chafee continued.

The RIJC will distribute the funds to state and local entities that dedicated over \$1 million in resources to responding to the tragic fire on February 20<sup>th</sup>. The funds will be distributed as follows:

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**State and Local Agencies to Receive Federal Funding:**

**Rhode Island State Police**

Regular and overtime pay and  
vehicle use

\$ 70,555

**Rhode Island Attorney General**

Investigative activity and staff support  
and anticipated trial expenses

\$135,177

**Rhode Island Department of Health**

Overtime pay and vehicle use

\$43,762

**Town of West Warwick Police Department**

Overtime pay, vehicle use

\$142,828

**City of Warwick Police Department**

Overtime pay and vehicle use

\$ 47,327

**Town of Coventry Police Department**

Regular and overtime pay and  
vehicle use

\$10,351

**TOTAL:**

\$450,000